

delphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Flexible leather, \$1.25 net.

This little book of 150 pages covers very fully, yet most concisely, the subject of gynecology as taught to nurses. In my opinion, the book could well be used as a text-book in connection with lectures, and as a reference handbook for nurses it is certainly very valuable. A. E. R.

A Text Book of Biology. For Students in Medical, Technical and General Courses. By William Martin Smallwood, Ph. D. (Harvard), Professor of Comparative Anatomy in the Liberal Arts College of Syracuse University, and in charge of Forest Zoology in the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse. Octavo, 285 pages; illustrated with 243 engravings and 13 plates, in colors and monochrome. Cloth, \$2.75, net. Lea & Febiger, publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1913.

In this small volume of two hundred and eighty pages the author has attempted to cover the wide field of general biology in such a way as to deal specifically with the more important subdivisions of botany zoology, embryology, bacteriology, immunity, heredity, etc. The text is well written and attractively illustrated, but the scope of the volume is much too wide. The whole is of the most elementary character, probably well adapted for students in high or preparatory schools or for the general reader, but as a text-book for medical students or as a volume of reference for the medical practitioner it cannot be recommended. E. C. D.

The Surgical Clinics of John B. Murphy, M. D., at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Volume II, Number VI (December). Octavo of 186 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Published Bi-Monthly. Price per year: Paper, \$8.00; cloth, \$12.00.

Contents: Tuberculosis of the Lung; Production of Artificial Pneumothorax by Injection of Nitrogen according to Dr. Murphy's Method. Bone Cyst of the Radius. Pyonephrosis: Drainage. Exostosis of Radius and Ulna. Ununited Fracture of Radius, Previously Plated; Transplantation of Bone. Ankylosis of Elbow. Laminectomy for Tuberculosis of Spinal Column, with Compression of Spinal Cord; Kyphosis and Lateral Curvature; Motor Paralysis. Subcutaneous Abscess Following Tuberculosis of the Spine; Aspiration and Injection of Formalin and Glycerin Solution. Undescended Testicle in Inguinal Canal. Cholelithiasis; Stones in Common Duct, with Intense Jaundice. Students' Clinic at Opening of Session this Year. Metastatic Carcinoma of Femur. Traumatic Sarcoma of Femur. List of Cases Operated on and Demonstrated by Dr. John B. Murphy at Mercy Hospital During the Week of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, Nov. 10-15, 1913. Index to Volume II.

Theorie und Praxis der Inneren Medizin. Dr. Erich Kindborg. Vol. III. Published by S. Karger, Berlin. 1914.

This volume completes one of the most valuable systems of medicine that has appeared in many years. The enthusiastic appreciation evoked by the first two volumes can be equally bestowed on this concluding volume. The admirable plan of presentation, the painstaking thoroughness and the unusual excellence of the sections on treatment that marked the initial volumes are sustained throughout.

The contents comprise: Diseases of the Kidneys and Urinary Apparatus; Diseases of the Blood; Diseases of the Nervous System; the Infectious Diseases, and the more important Poisons. Of especial note are the clear exposition on anatomical basis of the diseases of the spinal cord; the practical arrangement of the various poisonings accord-

ing to environment, occupation and habits; the excellent presentation of the subject of nephritis.

To the above may be added the statements that appeared in the review of the first two volumes, that the language used is simple, clear and concise; each chapter includes the anatomy, physiology, physics, chemistry and pharmacology requisite for a complete and clear understanding of the subject under discussion; the literature of the medical world is gathered and digested to be presented in the light of the writer's experience and judgment; methods of clinical examination are fully presented; each subject is placed in coordination with the sister sciences and in its proper relation to the scheme of medical science.

It is a book fit to occupy the highest place among text and reference works. G. H. T.

A Practical Treatise on Medical Diagnosis. For Students and Physicians. By John H. Musser, M. D., LL. D., late Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; formerly President of the American Medical Association, etc. New (Sixth) edition, revised by J. H. Musser, Jr., B. S., M. D., Instructor in Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Assistant Physician to the Philadelphia Hospital; Physician to the Medical Dispensary of the Presbyterian Hospital; Physician to the Medical Dispensary of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Octavo, 793 pages, with 196 engravings and 27 colored plates. Cloth, \$5.00 net. Lea & Febiger, publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1913.

This valuable standard work has undergone a very thorough and complete revision which has brought it up to date in every particular and in addition has conferred the benefit of a judicious condensation of the more voluminous portions, thus rendering the book much more wieldy and practical. The section on Objective Diagnosis is especially to be commended, presenting, as it does, those valuable and so frequently neglected pieces of evidence that the physician should take into account when he is making an initial examination of a patient. There is a world of experience and wisdom in this chapter which each medical man should acquire and use constantly. The hundred-page section devoted to Laboratory Diagnosis is likewise valuable. It is condensed to the absolute essentials and contains only such technic as can be exercised in any physician's laboratory. The second part of the volume is devoted to Special Diagnosis and differs in no way from the other recognized books on this subject. Regarded as a whole, the work is the equal of any of the standard books in its field but presents no special characteristics that could be regarded as novel or original; it is a stereotyped example of students' textbook and practitioners' reference work stamped by conservatism and tradition. G. H. T.

Diseases of Women. By Chas. A. L. Reed. Published by D. Appleton & Co., N. Y., 1913.

The arrangement of the various subjects is a decided departure from that of the usual text book devoted to diseases peculiar to women. For instance, the very excellent article under the general head of "Menstruation and Its Disorders," by Dr. Dan Milliken, of Hamilton, Ohio, begins near the end of the book—page 756. On the other hand, subjects of much less practical every-day importance are given preference in the arrangement, to wit "Malformations," a subject which the author has dealt with in considerable detail, is the first subject considered. Again in addition to the topics usually considered under the head of gynecology, the following have been treated in detail, viz.: surgery of the rectum, certain obstetric operations and surgical conditions of the kidneys, ureters, and of the breast.

The diagnosis of rape is as good as any abstract that the reviewer is familiar with on the subject